

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended, and claims 9-20 have been added. Thus, claims 1-20 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because, according to the Examiner, claim 1 still contains alternative language rendering the claim ambiguous. Accordingly, so as to clearly overcome this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, claim 1 has been amended to avoid claiming alternative arrangements. It is noted that claim 1, prior to the present amendment, claimed four alternative arrangements, and these four alternative arrangements are now clearly claimed in amended independent claim 1, and new independent claims 9, 15 and 17, respectively.

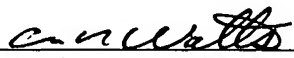
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments to set forth the four alternative arrangements of previous claim 1 in four separate independent claims, it is submitted that these claims are all clearly in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In view of the above, and since no prior art rejections have been presented against the claims, it is submitted that the application is now clearly in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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